

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Penetrante et al. and Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Considering first then rejection of the above-noted claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Penetrante et al., it is to be noted that Claim 1 has now been amended so as to include the limitations of former Claim 2, now canceled. In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 2, it is therefore submitted that Claim 1, as well as all claims dependent therefrom, now merit indication of allowability with the same being hereby earnestly solicited.

A review of the specification has indicated that minor changes to the language is necessary for closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure and it is therefore submitted that such changes clearly do not constitute new matter and thus merit entry.

Respectfully submitted,

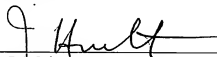
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